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IIASA Talking Points for the DDCI:

Re your scheduled appearance before the House S&T Committee on Monday, 29 March 1982.

We have been alerted by NSC/OSTP Staff that you may be asked about our role in US decision to withdraw from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA);

specifically, whether we stand by our December 1981 assessment (copy attached) that the Soviets have engaged in intelligence and technology transfer activities incompatible with the original purpose of the Institute.

Former IIASA Director, [Redacted] has apparently (and, if so, erroneously) advised the Committee that we are changing our assessment after his 3 separate meetings with CIA (with [Redacted] the analyst who prepared our assessment, C/NIC, and the Executive Director of CIA). On those occasions, [Redacted] presented no evidence that was persuasive enough to cause us to revise our assessment which was based both on open literature and all-source classified data (regarding the US scientists to be contacted--as suggested by [Redacted] in his letter of 18 January 1982--we have talked to some of them and are familiar with the views on IIASA of the others).

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Earlier we prepared and sent you a background memo on IIASA and developments related to the US withdrawal decision (copy attached herewith).

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